

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Mary O'Neill. She has dedicated the past 41 years to serving the needs of South Dakota State University (SDSU) and South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, Mary served in a variety of positions which include the Remote Sensing Institute, Engineering & Environmental Research Center, Engineering Resource Center, Adjunct Instructor- SDSU Geography Department, and most recently the Water Resources Institute, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department; and,

Whereas, Mary served SDSU as an outstanding researcher, instructor, and project manager. She received significant acclaim from students, peers, and industry collaborators for her work with GIS technology introduction to South Dakota K-12 teachers, collaboration with numerous visiting international scientists, and SDSU undergraduate and graduate students; and,

Whereas, Mary was instrumental in the organization of the Professional Staff Advisory Council, which establishes representation for non-faculty exempt staff members; and,

Whereas, Mary has contributed significantly to many university and community activities, such as various STEM workshops for girls, workshops for Flandreau Indian students as part of the Success Academy, leadership in the Dakota Chapter of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Brookings Kiwanis Club, and the Faith Reformed Church; and,

Whereas, Mary's countless hours of dedication have greatly benefitted students, colleagues, administrators, members of the Brookings community, and the people of South Dakota. Mary will retire after 41 years of service to SDSU and South Dakota on May 16, 2013; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2013, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K. Miller / Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State